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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (DERWINSKI, EDWARD J.)
SUBJ: CODEL DERWINSKI

REF: (A) STATE 171123, (B) STATE 170687

1. AS REQUESTED REF A, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR CODEL TO MEET FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL AFTER ARRIVAL CAIRO 10:45 AUGUST 13. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: 1130 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, AID DIRECTOR, AND CONGEN ALEXANDRIA. 1200 ROUND-TABLE MEETING WITH STATE AND AID OFFICE OF PERSONNEL. WOULD CODEL ALSO LIKE TO HAVE USIA OR OTHER AGENCIES PARTICIPATE? SINCE SATURDAY IS DAY OFF AND SOME EMBASSY PERSONNEL MAY HAVE OTHER PLANS, ASSUME CODEL WOULD WANT ATTENDANCE TO BE VOLUNTARY.

2. LAILA TAKLA AND RUSHI SAID STILL NOT AVAILABLE. AMBASSADOR MET SAYED MAR'I BRIEFLY LAST NIGHT AND MENTIONED CODEL DERWINSKI DESIRE MEET WITH DERWINSKI. MAR'I LOOKS FORWARD TO CODEL VISIT, BUT INDICATED HE COULD NOT SAY AT THIS TIME WHETHER HE WILL BE IN CAIRO OR ALEXANDRIA ON VISIT DATES. HE SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM CLOSER TO VISIT DATES TO ASCERTAIN
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WHERE HE WILL BE.

3. IN REF B, WE WILL SOUND OUT GOE RE AVAILABILITY HELICOPTER, BUT CHANCES ARE FRANKLY NOT GOOD. GAMASY IS RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER IN BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, SINCE HIS HELICOPTER ASSETS ARE LIMITED, GIVEN PRESENT DUSTUP WITH LIBYA, EGYPTIAN MILITARY IS IN STATE

OF ALERT AND IT MOST UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER.
THERE ARE NO PRIVATE HELICOPTERS.

4. AS CONTINGENCY PLAN, SUGGEST FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR
SM PROJECT ON AUGUST 12:

07:00 DEPART CAIRO BY EMBASSY AUTOMOBILE
08:30 ARRIVE ISMAILIA, MEET COL., SAID EL GHALI,
COMMANDER SARELO ISMAILIA
09:00 CROSS CANAL
11: 00 ARRIVE SFM, BRIEFING AND LUNCH
13:00 VISIT WATCH STATION
15:00 DEPART SFM
17:00 CROSS CANAL
19:00 ARRIVE CAIRO

5. RE PARA 2, REF B, IT IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE VISIT
AMOCO DRILLING IN GULF OF SUEZ SAME DAY. HOWEVER SMALL
DISTANCES MAY LOOK ON MAP THEY ARE CONSIDERABLE AND
TRIP TO HURGADA IS A FULL DAY AFFAIR, ESPECIALLY BY
CAR. MOREOVER RED SEA DISTRICT STILL A MILITARY AREA
FOR WHICH SPECIAL PERMISSION MUST BE SOUGHT. IF CODEL
RECORSES CANAL AT 1700, AUGUST 15 AS PRESENT PROPOSED
THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE MUCH TIME TO SEE DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS IN SUEZ CANAL. HOWEVER, WE COULD ARRANGE ROAD
TRAVEL ISMAILIA-SUEZ-CAIRO, BUT THIS WILL BRING CODEL
BACK INTO CAIRO QUITE LATE. WE PREPARED PLAN TRIP ON
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THIS BASIS IF CODEL WISHES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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